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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Joe GRAY et al)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 08/477,316)	Examiner: A. Marschel
Filed: June 7, 1995)	
For: CHROMOSOME-SPECIFIC STAINING TO DETECT GENETIC REARRANGEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH CHROMOSOME 3 AND/OR CHROMOSOME 17)))))	

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated June 30, 1998, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 48 and 50 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of staining targeted <u>interphase</u> chromosomal material based upon a nucleic acid segment employing a unique sequence high complexity nucleic acid probe of greater than about 50,000 bases, wherein said targeted chromosomal material is a genetic rearrangement associated with chromosome 3